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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Deplorable Note

THE Foreign Office comment that the British protest over the shelling of a Royal Naval launch was "full of inaccuracies" is, if anything, an understatement. For the most part it is a fabricated document bearing no relation to the facts of the incident. Demonstrable beyond all argument are the following points: the British ship, while on a lawful mission, was attacked by gunfire without prior warning and without causing provocation; the launch never fired a shot either offensively or in self-defence (the guns were unmanned when the Chinese gunboat made its attack and they were put out of action by the Communist shelling); it was purely coincidental that two RAF planes were in the air at the time. They were on a training flight and were, therefore, not equipped with ammunition. They could not, even if they had so desired, strafe either the Chinese gunboat or Lin Tin Island. The Peking version of the affair is a figment of the imagination and is, unfortunately, but another example of the determination of the People's Government to avoid responsibilities when it comes to matters affecting foreign powers outside the Communist bloc.

PEKING not only rejects the British protest, but it treats the incident almost as though it were a triviality. It completely ignores the fact that as a result of the action taken by the Chinese ship, seven Britons were killed and five others wounded. Nor could this tragedy be ascribed to the "fortunes of war." The men were the victims of a wanton attack levelled against their ship while on a peaceful patrol. Peking's cynical disregard of this part of the protest note is intolerable. The Chinese Communist Government cannot expect it to be officially passed over in silence. Restitution of some nature is demanded. The very least one would have expected from Peking was an expression of regret over the loss of life, even if the Chinese authorities deemed it fit to concoct a reply "full of inaccuracies." The whole tenor of the Peking note is deplorable and inexcusable. It appears to be deliberately designed to impress on the British Government that no satisfaction can be expected from the Chinese Communists. They, however, must be told that Britain's claim for compensation remains valid despite the Peking note.

KOREA CONFERENCE: UN POSTPONES DEBATE

Relegated To Last Place On Agenda

United Nations, Sept. 30.
The United Nations today postponed indefinitely a formal debate on the deadlock over the Korean peace conference in the face of Soviet warnings that it was striking a "blow to peace." By a vote of 48 to six with five abstentions, the top UN Political Committee decided to relegate the Korean issue to last place on its order of business, with the proviso that it can be given priority again whenever a majority decides it. The vote came after a debate in which the United States charged that Russia had rejected its proposal for a preliminary meeting on arrangements for the Korean peace conference without even consulting the Far Eastern Communists.

The proposal for a free-to-face meeting at San Francisco, Honolulu or Geneva was made eight days ago in a message sent to Communist China and North Korea by the United States through Sweden.

It was announced at that time in the UN Steering Committee by the American delegate, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, and dismissed almost immediately by the Russian representative, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky. Today, Mr. Vyshinsky demanded that the General Assembly's Political Committee immediately begin a new debate on the peace parity and he gave a vague hint that the Communists would be ready to start the conference immediately if they had assurances from the Western Allies that "neutrals" eventually would be included in its membership.

OFFER REJECTED

Mr. Lodge told the Committee that the United States had "tried to leave no stone unturned to show its complete good faith and desire to get ahead with the conference."

"We offered to send a representative to meet face to face with the Communists' representatives—an offer which was rejected by the representative of the Soviet Union. And it was not rejected after consideration and consultation with the Chinese Communists, but rejected instantly and out of hand."

"Really, one would have thought that Communist China could be assumed to be capable of speaking for itself without the so-called good offices of the representative of the Soviet Union."

Inasmuch as the Assembly thoroughly debated arrangements for the Korean conference in August, Mr. Lodge said, "we believe it would be inappropriate to discuss the Korean question in the United Nations while negotiations are pending." Russia demanded that the Political Committee immediately launch a new debate on the conference. At the same time,



28 Die In Air Crash

Stevenson Has Message To Deliver

KEEPS PRESSMEN GUESSING

Washington, Oct. 1.
Mr. Adlai Stevenson said yesterday that he would give President Eisenhower today a message from a "world statesman."

Mr. Stevenson, the defeated Democratic candidate for President in 1952, held a press conference on the eve of giving President Eisenhower a report on the world tour he has made since last year's election.

He refused to identify the world statesman who was sending a message to President Eisenhower through him, but he acknowledged that the message was "in English."

The two chief English-speaking world statesmen visited by Mr. Stevenson during his tour were the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru.

DIRECT TALKS

Mr. Stevenson said that Sir Winston had told him that he wanted to talk directly with the new leaders of the Soviet Government.

Mr. Stevenson said that he had not specifically discussed with Sir Winston the latter's proposal for a "Locarno-type" guarantee by the great powers to the Soviet Union in Europe.

Mr. Stevenson said for himself that he thought the best way to determine what was the immediate objective of the new Soviet leaders was to present them with reasonable guarantees of security.

If the Soviet leaders then rejected this, it would be at least a demonstration that the United States had tried its best to bring about a relaxation of tensions.

Mr. Stevenson said he did not think that the press of the United States had given the attention it deserved to the suggestion, which he made in a speech in Chicago last month, that the United States should consider a mutual non-aggression guarantee to the Soviet Union in which the United States should participate.—Reuter.

DOCKERS TO STRIKE

New York, Sept. 30.
Dockers here announced today that a strike in New York and 11 other east coast ports would start at midnight tonight in support of wage and other demands.

Almost simultaneously, President Eisenhower, flanked in Washington by the administration's top officials, including the Taft-Hartley labor law to head off the strike.

(Under the law the courts can suspend a strike for 60 days if the President thinks it endangers national security).—Reuter.

All the twenty-five passengers and three members of the crew were killed when the Boston to Chicago airliner, belonging to American Airlines, crashed and was burned out near Albany airport after striking radio towers. The machine had been circling Albany airport waiting for fog to clear in order to land so that it could put off ten passengers, when one of its two engines started to burn and backfire. The machine began to waver over a heavily populated area before hitting the 365-ft. radio tower, one of three, and crashed into a small wood.—London Express.

Sailors Fight Fire On Warship

London, Sept. 30.
Hundreds of sailors fought a fire which broke out in the British cruiser, Swiftsure, when she collided with the 2,600-ton destroyer, Diamond, in the Atlantic during the night.

The two warships crashed together in a heavy swell, about 80 miles south of Iceland. Thirty-two seamen in the cruiser were hurt, none seriously.

Seven were burned in the blaze, one had a suspected fracture, the rest received minor cuts, abrasions and shock.

The flames pierced the darkness as seamen hurried through the cruiser carrying extinguishers and buckets of water. The fire was quickly put out.

Both warships were damaged in the accident.

Reports indicate that the heavy swell made the Swiftsure roll against the bows of the destroyer while they were both preparing to refuel. The Swiftsure's bridge was badly buckled. The Diamond was damaged in her forward quarters.

Today both ships were steaming slowly under destroyer escort to Iceland to inspect the damage.—China Mail Special.

Abolition Of Monarchy Hint

Loerkefontein, Oct. 1.
The South African Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, said tonight that South Africa could abolish the monarchy with a majority of one vote and become a Republic without having to consult Great Britain.

Dr. Malan, speaking at a Nationalist victory celebration here, said that South Africa was a sovereign, independent state among the peoples of the world. She sat in the United Nations on equal terms with other countries, but how much longer South Africa would still remain a member would have to be seen.—Reuter.

More Calcutta Riots

Calcutta, Sept. 30.
Strikers stoned private buses, dragged their passengers out into the road and assaulted a protesting driver and conductor today when the leftist trade unions of West Bengal called a general strike.

Police made 30 arrests. Most of the 300,000 workers in the Calcutta jute mills downed tools, shops and bazaars were closed and public transport stopped. Thousands of people had to walk miles to work. In some parts of the city taxis still plied without interruption.

Hospitals, water, gas and electricity and newspapers were unaffected by the strike.

The workers are demanding three months' pay as a bonus to celebrate the Hindu October 10-day festival of Durga Puja. They also want measures to stem unemployment, a halt to retrenchment and introduction of unemployment insurance.

MILLS PICKETED

City firms reported 70 per cent attendance by their staffs and banks remained open but did not clear cheques. But some engineering works and jute mills closed down completely and were picketed.

The unions held a public rally tonight and called for quick action by the Government to remedy their grievances.

A strike at the Indian iron and steel and standard wagons companies at Burnpur—one of the three main steel companies in India—will end tomorrow.

Burnpur Workers' Action Committee, on whose advice the workers stayed away, have decided to call off the strike and advised the men to work.

This brings to an end an eight-month-old dispute. Last week a settlement of the main points in dispute relating to the election of the Workers' Union was reached between Mr. C. L. Vyas, leader of the Action Committee, and the West Bengal Chief Minister, Mr. B. C. Roy.—Reuter.

Defence Treaty Signing Today

Washington, Oct. 1.
The mutual defence treaty between the United States and South Korea will be signed in Washington today, the State Department announced yesterday.

The treaty will be signed by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, and Mr. Pyun Yung Tai, Foreign Minister in the Government of Korea. President Dwight D. Eisenhower will be present in Seoul on Oct. 10.—Reuter.

Eisenhower To Tell The Facts About H-Bomb

Washington, Sept. 30.
President Eisenhower told a press conference here today that the Soviet hydrogen explosion was a fact of the utmost importance to the world.

He was answering questions about the significance for the world of the Soviet explosion of the hydrogen bomb. He said he hoped, when he had sorted out his ideas, to go before the United States people and tell them the facts and conclusions which he and the administration had reached on this subject.

He said the United States was more interested than ever in determining the intentions of the Soviet Union and their associate countries in attempting to reach some kind of a negotiated situation in which everyone could have confidence.

The President said the United States did not want war and any person with his own experience of war would realize it was the worst possible solution to the world's difficulties.

He said he would want the friends of the United States to understand this thoroughly but because the United States had to speak from positions of strength it was possible that there would be misunderstanding—and badly misunderstood—what these intentions were.

Some countries said the United States was pugnacious, or impulsive, or had lost all faith in the conference table, but this was far from the truth.

Referring again to the suggestion that he might disclose publicly the administration's facts and conclusions on the hydrogen bomb situation, Mr. Eisenhower said the United States must be very careful, and he did not want to frighten anyone in the way to death.

ACTION RESENTED

At the beginning of his press conference Mr. Eisenhower volunteered a statement on the Polish Government action in stripping Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski of his office. Mr. Eisenhower said the heart of America resented this kind of thing very deeply.

He believed that without freedom of religion and freedom of thought, without some evidence that the other side is ready to honour it and serve it in some substantial degree, it makes very discouraging the effort to reach a real understanding in the world.

Asked to comment on the agreement which the United States signed with Spain on Saturday, Mr. Eisenhower said that the naval and air bases which would be used by the United States would be very valuable.

He described the agreement, under which the United States is to supply economic aid to Spain, as a quid pro quo and one which would work for the benefit of the United States.

Questioned about the possibility of conferences between the Western powers and the Soviet Union, President Eisenhower said that the State

Department was studying how full advantage could be taken of every opportunity to relieve world tensions.

Exactly how and when such conferences could be held was the difficult problem. Mr. Eisenhower said final decisions had not yet been reached on this subject.

THE BIG FOUR

He was then questioned about the possibility of new arrangements being made for a revival of the proposal for a meeting between the heads of Government of Britain, France and the United States following the postponement of the Big Three conference scheduled to take place in Bermuda last July.

That conference was postponed because of the health of the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

Mr. Eisenhower replied that he did not know anything about the present state of Sir Winston's health.

The President said he wanted to consider the best approach to the whole situation of international peace, the relief of tension. Then he expected to go before the American people and tell them frankly the facts and his conclusions.

He was not prepared to say when he could do this because such attempts were apt to react in a number of ways. The United States had friends abroad and must be very careful to make its intentions clear, he said.—Reuter.

Union Delegates Visit Peking

London, Oct. 1.
An eight-member delegation of the British Electrical Trades Union, headed by Mr. Walter C. Stevens, General Secretary of the Union, arrived in Peking by air yesterday. New China (Communist) News Agency reported today.

The delegation was invited by the Electrical Workers' Trade Union of China to attend the Chinese National Day celebrations today, the Agency said.

The members of the delegation were Mr. A. C. Batchelor, a member of the Union's Executive Council, Mr. W. D. Hanson, Mr. M. S. Crofts, Mr. H. Howells, Mr. S. Lilliecrapp, Mr. G. Stewart and Mr. G. Lee—China Mail Special.

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Increasing Signs Of Return To Normal Conditions Throughout Malaya

BUT ARMY UTTERS WORD OF CAUTION

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 30.

Britain's five-year-old war against Malaya's Communist terrorists today brought reports of three kills and five surrenders, a total in keeping with what the military consider a "good month."

With the tempo of "eliminations" — kills, surrenders and captures — remaining fast, the question is being asked here again "When may the emergency end?"

Temperament optimism today is reflected in the air of normality returning to this edgy tropical peninsula which, with its rubber and tin, is Britain's biggest dollar earner.

Signs of normality are becoming more plentiful every month.

During September the emergency was lifted from part of the settlement of Malacca where British and Malay troops learned on their weapons or patrolled the jungle fruitlessly in places where two years ago the Communists seriously disrupted commercial and social life by their reign of terror.

Later in September the State-owned Malayan Railways announced a profit, due mainly to an increase in passengers on trains, which three years ago more often than not arrived at destinations carrying bullet holes or which failed to reach their destinations because of Communist derailment attempts.

But optimism is tempered by the widespread military belief that the Communists, now themselves convinced that terrorism is doomed, are adopting new "peaceful infiltration" tactics. The military belief is that the Communists are steadily infiltrating into Government offices, into the trade unions and political parties and into the hundreds of new villages, as school teachers, shopkeepers and labourers.

The British High Commissioner, General Sir Gerald Templer, credits much of the recent increased tempo in Communist "eliminations" to the success of "Operation Question."

The operation is to lead with or threaten mainly Chinese villagers, within reach of Communist terror methods, to write severely to him letters warning neighbours who give food or money to the Communists and tell any other information likely to aid military successes against the terrorists.

General Templer almost daily receives at his "King's House" residence here the elders from some village, bringing with them a sealed box containing people's answers to questions about Communism in the village. Answering is compulsory. Refusal means food restrictions, dusk-till-dawn curfews and a general pruning of Government funds for village welfare projects.

Compliance means the opposite and it is acknowledged by observers here that General Templer's "Operation Question" is catching on with consequent bad results for the terrorists.

ONLY FRACTION Total eliminations in the Malayan campaign since the emergency began in June 1948 are approaching 7,000 — about the number of Communists estimated to be in the jungles at that time. The estimate is that there are still about 7,000 — but General

Templer's headquarters bluffs, and official reports confirm, that terrorist incidents are only a fraction of the bad heydays early in the emergency.

General Templer himself has stated he believes the emergency will never end until the whole of Asia breathes freely and Communist expansion no longer overshadows commercial, political and social life.

But he hopes that at the worst he can reduce Malaya's Communists to a hard core, jungle-bound and universally unpopular and no longer able to disrupt the lives of the five million Chinese, Malays, Indians, Eurasians and Europeans who run this giant British investment.

Many Western observers see Malaya's fate inextricably linked with that of hard-pressed French Indo-China.

They feel that the Communist Vietnamese succumbing in Indo-China would be a fundamental to the end of the jungle war in Malaya.—Reuter.

Decision By Airline

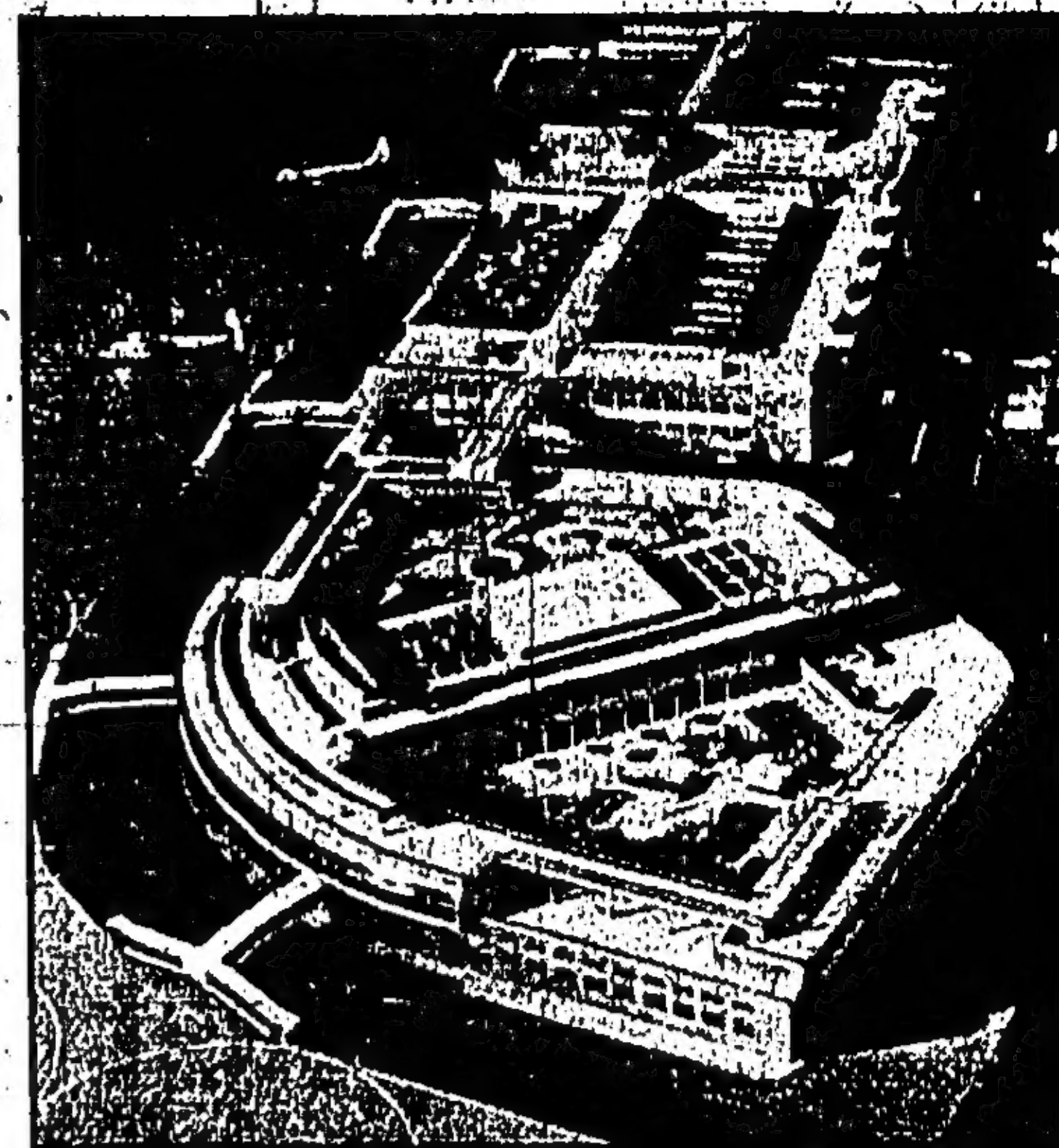
London, Sept. 30.

Britain's only turbo-propeller airliner taking part in the England-New Zealand air race next week nearly did not make it—the plane's owners, British European Airways, withdrew their entry, but re-entered after talks between the British and New Zealand Governments.

The Chief Executive of the British European Airways, Mr. Peter Masfield, said today that the Corporation withdrew their Vickers Viscount from the race early this year, but they re-entered later.

Mr. Masfield said the entry of the aircraft in the handicap section had full Government support. The Government was paying a substantial part of the cost, while the Corporation, the makers and Rolls-Royce, the engine-makers, also were contributing.—China Mail Special.

New Terminal At London Airport



Roof-top flower gardens, a news cinema, a huge exhibition hall and a children's playground will be features of the new passenger buildings now being erected at London Airport. Ten parallel channels will be able to handle 1,200 passengers an hour, and inside the buildings there will be shops, banks, hairdressing salons and airline offices. Above is the architect's model.—Central Press Photo.

NUCLEAR POWER FOR PLANES?

New York, Oct. 1.

The Lockheed Aircraft Corporation is conducting a "preliminary design study" for nuclear-powered aircraft under contract with the United States Air Force.

Both the Air Force and the Company made a brief announcement but gave no details.

The Company's announcement was approved for publication by the Air Force, the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The Air Force made a similar announcement in Washington and a spokesman said no questions would be answered about the contract. The Atomic Energy Commission also declined to comment.—Reuter.

Food Crisis In Islands

Colombo, Sept. 30.

Ceylon is to release Rupees 400,000 (about £30,000) worth of rice and flour immediately to help solve a food crisis in the Maldives Islands, 400 miles southwest of here.

In June, monsoon storms reduced the islands almost to starvation. Heavy seas prevented them from going to sea for their staple food, fish. Amr Amin Didi, the first President of the Maldives, a former British Colony which was granted independence in January this year, was deposited early this month after mass demonstrations against the food shortage.—China Mail Special.

CHURCHILL BACK AT NO. 10

London, Sept. 30.

The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, returned to No. 10 Downing Street after a holiday at Cap d'Antibes, France.

The Prime Minister, looking well, proceeded to No. 10 Downing Street, his official London residence.—Reuter.

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Soviet To Raise Issue Of UN Admissions

New York, Sept. 30.
The Soviet Union announced today that it would request the Security Council to reconsider the applications of 14 States, including a number of Communist States for admission to membership of the United Nations.

It has done so in a draft resolution which it will submit to the special Political Committee of the General Assembly when it takes up the matter of new members at its meeting on Friday.

The draft resolution requests "the Security Council to reconsider the applications of Albania, the People's Republic of Mongolia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Finland, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Jordan, Austria, Ceylon, Nepal and Libya with a view to making a recommendation for the simultaneous admission of all these States to membership of the United Nations."—Reuter.

Resumption Of Treaty Relations

America And Japan

Washington, Sept. 30.
A treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the United States and Japan will come into effect in a month, following a formal exchange of the instruments of the ratification of the treaty by the two countries today.

The United States and Japanese documents were exchanged by the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and Japan's Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Eiichi Araki, in a ceremony at the State Department.

The treaty is designed to regulate basic economic relations between the two countries. It includes provisions regarding property rights, investment and business activities, taxation, exchange regulations, the treatment of exports and imports, and shipping.

It also deals with matters affecting the status and activities of citizens of either country when in the territory of the other treaty nation.

The new treaty marks the resumption, after a lapse of 13 years, of former treaty relations between the general nations between Japan and the United States. Signed by United States and Japanese representatives in Tokyo on April 2, the treaty was approved by the United States Senate in July and ratified by the Japanese Diet in the following month.

The treaty becomes effective on October 30.—Reuter.

DYSPEPTICS GIVEN NEW HOPE

London, Oct. 1.

New hope for dyspeptics is held out by a Middlesex toy factory inspector, Mr. W. Beck, of Pottery Bar, with a device he is showing in the first annual International Handicrafts Exhibition, to open at Olympic today.

It is intended to cure dyspeptics of "swallowing air" with their food.

Mr. Beck invented the device after a spell in hospital a year ago when, to cure him and other patients of air swallowing, they were issued with corks to keep their jaws open while they swallowed each mouthful of food.

The cure worked—Mr. Beck's weight rose from seven stone to 10 stone—but he found the corks messy and embarrassing.

The device is a rubber cork which slips on to the lines of a fork or the bowl of a spoon and keeps the jaws slightly apart at the moment of swallowing.

Mr. Beck has had enthusiastic letters from medical specialists and from the BBC Inventors' Club.—China Mail Special.

Formosa To Sign Pact

Taipei, Sept. 30.

Mr. Yin Chung-yun, chairman of the Nationalist Economic Stabilisation Board's Industrial Committee, said the Nationalist Government would approve the international sugar agreement recently concluded in London, the Nationalist Central News Agency reported today.

The official news agency quoted Mr. Yin as saying that so far as Formosa was concerned, the sugar agreement had its merits as well as demerits. However, he was said to have added: "I believe the Chinese (Nationalist) Government will affix its signature on it."

The agency also said that Japan, biggest purchaser of Formosan sugar, was ready to buy some 70,000 tons of sugar during the October-March period.—Reuter.

Iraqi-Jordan Pact

Baghdad, Sept. 30.

An Iraqi-Jordan trade treaty was signed here today, it was officially announced.—Reuter.

LEE-GREATWORLD

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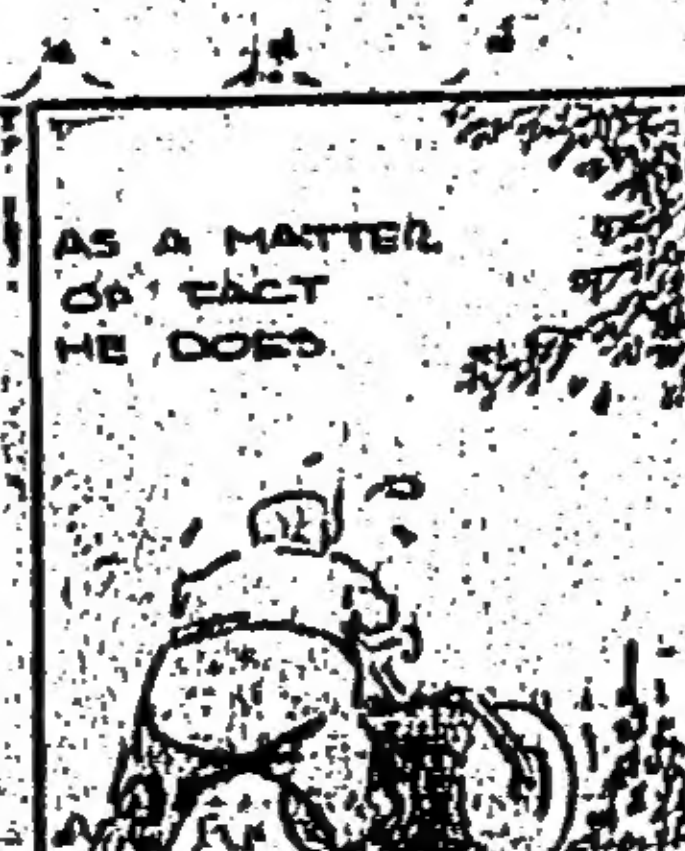
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Midnight Raids Won't Solve It

WHICH event during the first half of 1953 will future historians rate as the more important: Stalin's death or Chancellor Adenauer's trip to Washington? Whatever the historians decide—and West Germans are backing Adenauer—the effects of the two events combined mean that the men watching over this country's foreign policy must today be more on the alert than ever before.

Stalin's death has removed from power an old man who at one and the same time restrained the wilder and more adventurous of his paladins but by his obstinacy and lack of subtlety in international affairs managed to unite the Western world against him.

In Malenkov he has been succeeded by a brilliantly clever political warrior who with a minimum of minor concessions has already managed to allay surprisingly much of the suspicion aroused by Stalin and sow seeds of disunion among the Westerners.

With Malenkov a younger generation of trigger-happy generals has come up to enjoy greater influence than ever such generals did under Stalin.

These men are dangerously fanatical believers in the myth—deliberately created by Stalin—that the war was won singlehanded by Russia, that the Soviet Union is far and away the greatest military power that the world has ever seen... that in fact she is invincible.

Third drive

THE visit of Chancellor Adenauer to Washington, his tie-up with Eisenhower, his subsequent re-election by an even greater vote in percentage than that which confirmed Hitler in March 1933 means that we are up against a Germany today led by much smoother, abler men than led her under Hitler or the Kaiser.

As much smoother and cleverer as Malenkov is smoother and cleverer than Stalin.

These men are now launching Germany on yet a third drive to the East (Yet, I know the liberation of the Soviet-occupied zone is the immediate goal—but just wait).

They have spent the last eight years studying where Hitler went wrong and why.

The alliance with the United States is the first result of that study.

I hope that Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, our new permanent head of the Foreign Office, is going to be up to his heavy responsibilities.

To deal with the new Germany and the new Russia is going to require something more than a sensational midnight arrest of a couple of Nazi nobodies.

Lessons —

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RED TAPE CURTAIN ROUND THE U.S.

THE busiest and most harassed place in Montreal, and perhaps all Canada, is the United States Consulate. The American officials are busy—in fact, they are overwhelmed with work—and the aliens who seek visas, border-crossing cards, immigration information, are harassed and in some instances fearful.

I have been spending more time in the United States Consulate than I intended to. American State Department officials had told me that it would be just a routine matter to renew my visa, which had expired, so that I could carry on my job in New York. "Just a visit to our Consul in Montreal. It will be only a matter of minutes for the visa to be issued."

It has turned out not to be a matter of minutes or even hours, but of days. When I got to the Consulate I found the "reception room" full of people talking loudly, gesticulating, and milling around in bewilderment.

Language chaos

SCARCELY any of them could speak English. One unfortunate American girl clerk, who could not speak anything but English, has tried to rope with the crowd. She also had to answer the telephone, answer the summons of a hater, watch an automatic writing machine, and take documents in and out of the room.

I took my place in the queue if you can call it that, and watched and waited.

Two Italians were arguing with the girl. They did not understand her, and she did not understand them. Suddenly she said to them: "Please go away. I don't want to see you for months, many months. There's nothing we can do. I don't want to see you." The Italians retired to the corridor.

An elderly Frenchwoman pushed her passport before the girl clerk and was told: "You need a new passport. Get this revalidated. Come back in a month." Write a letter.

The Frenchwoman said: "Please, please, no understanding. I turned to me for help (but I couldn't help), and then began to cry."

Another woman whose nationality I never did discover was told by the clerk: "You're a person without a country. I don't

care if you are married to an American citizen, we can't do anything for you. Become a Canadian, then, in five years come back here."

I don't want to give the impression that the girl clerk was being rude. She was obviously suffering from overwork and under strain. She sighed, put her hands wearily over her eyes, and said: "Next, please."

I wasn't next, but I managed to get her attention, and she said: "You British? You're in the wrong department. You want the next floor."

Two hours

I WENT to the next floor, sat for two hours until my number was called—everyone was given a number—and then was told I'd been in the right department before and had just wasted two hours.

A kindly, grey-haired American official said: "I feel badly about this, but since the new Administration we have scarcely any staff, due to firing, and we don't know where we are. Don't know someone high up who could push you through?"

I said I didn't want to pull any strings, but wanted to see what went on, and just required a British journalist's visa.

Several hours later I visited the office of a Vice-Consul, who also said he felt badly about everything, particularly as Americans could enter Britain without even a visa, but there it was, there was the McCarran Act.

He passed me on to his secretary, who said: "It shouldn't be long now—just a few questions and a new photograph of yourself. Ever been in jail, ever been deported, ever been fingerprinted, have you any Communist tendencies?"

I said I'd never been in jail, never been deported, never had any Communist tendencies, but had been fingerprinted several times, and always by American officials.

Tea drinkers

THE secretary said: "These questions are just routine, let's see your passport." I handed the passport over. She leaned back in her chair. "This is no good; it expires in February next year. You'll have to get it revalidated. The McCarran Act. You'll have to go to Ottawa."

So I went to Ottawa—100 miles away—to the offices of the British High Commissioner, and found them neither harassed nor busy, but rather leisurely, afternoon tea drinkers, and given to a long lunch hour.

The passport was revalidated and I was back in Montreal at the U.S. Consulate the next day. The same mad scene was going on, but I got through quickly and left the place.

I am not suggesting for a moment that the McCarran Act has put an Iron Curtain round the United States, but it certainly has put a thicker red tape. If you are British and your record is unimpeachable, you get in, but only after what I consider a humiliation.

It seems to me that the United States has travelled in the wrong direction since these words were put on the Statue of Liberty:

Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

The wrecked refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me.

I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

The "poor, huddled masses, the wrecked refuse, the tempest-tossed" are certainly

not being given the open golden door at the United States Consulate in Montreal. The only lamp many of them see is a red stop signal.

Liberals worried

LIBERALS in the United States are becoming alarmed. Professor Max Lerner says: "The 'security' coming like the vast canvas flap of a circus tent behind which assorted jackanapes are being perpetrated."

One result of the McCarran Act has been a large increase in the smuggling of aliens across the border from Canada into the United States.

The Montreal Star says approximately 20 aliens a week are being smuggled from Montreal to United States points by a big-scale international ring. The charge varies between 200 and 1,500 dollars per person, and after that the aliens are blackmailed by the smuggling ring, who threaten to reveal their illegal entry.

Instead of "security" the U.S. has got double trouble on its hands.

MALENKOV, BERIA AND THE PEASANTS

By Walter Kolarz

THERE is no longer any doubt that the problems of Soviet agriculture constituted one of the main issues in the conflict between Beria and the Malenkov faction. In a dual sense, these problems had a bearing on the struggle for power in the Kremlin. The shortage of certain foodstuffs, as evidenced by the sensational Soviet purchases of butter from Australia and New Zealand, required a scapegoat, and in addition there were disagreements on fundamental questions of agrarian policy.

The first announcement of Beria's disgrace included a passage drawing attention to divergencies which had existed in the Præsidium of the Communist Party's matters of collective farming. The announcement said that Beria had delayed "in every way" the solution of very important and urgent agricultural problems. This had been done to undermine the kolkhozy and create difficulties in the country's food supply. But the meaning of the statement remained obscure for nearly a month and only the speeches delivered by the Soviet Minister of Finance, Zverev, and Premier Malenkov at the meeting of the Supreme Soviet have clarified the situation to a certain degree.

One important aspect of the reforms propagated by Khrushchev was the reduction of the private allotments of the collective farmers. Khrushchev's initiative, which must have had at least the tacit support of Malenkov, superior in the Secretariat of the Communist Central Committee, encountered considerable criticism within the Party.

Opposition

It was perhaps only natural that the new drive for the urbanisation of the Soviet villages should have met with particular opposition in the small Transcaucasian republics of Armenia and Georgia, where the settling-up of large collective farm settlements must have appeared even more unrealistic than elsewhere. The Party Secretaries of the two republics, Arutunov and Charkviani, early in 1951 challenged the agrarian scheme in very outspoken speeches, although it seemed to have the approval of the Moscow Politburo.

The Armenian Secretary, Arutunov, was particularly violent. He denounced "certain comrades, who by their statements on collective farm settlements had introduced confusion and disoriented the Party activists." I felt at the time that the Armenian Party Secretary must have secured support in Moscow before launching his frontal attack against Khrushchev.

Today it is no longer a mystery whose support he had. Both he and the Georgian Party Secretary had acted only as mouthpieces of Beria, who always hid behind the Transcaucasian Party organisations whenever he wanted to influence all-Union Policy.

Quarrel

Beria's opposition to the agrarian and collective farm settlements and Malenkov himself was forced to debunk Khrushchev's scheme at the Nineteenth Party Congress in October 1952.

The quarrel over the agrarian settlements, which fundamentally was a dispute over the private allotments, shows that the controversy between Beria and other members of the Soviet hierarchy over agrarian problems has gone on for a period of years. It reached a new stage after Stalin's death. Made bold by his original successes, Beria tried to push his opposition to the agrarian policy of the Malenkov-Khrushchev group still further.

The conflict over the future of the collective farm alone would probably not have been sufficient to bring about Beria's downfall. But, as there was disagreement also on other basic issues of Soviet policy and as before when Khrushchev stated his opposition to the agrarian policy, the problem could be solved only by the political and physical liquidation of one of the disputing parties.

THE REAL STORY BEHIND AN ORDEAL-BY-WAITING

By Cyril Aynsley

NINE times out of ten you will find that the man who suddenly astonishes the world with a feat of incredible endurance is quite an ordinary kind of chap.

That was how I found Anthony Deane-Drummond when I sat at his home at Camberley in Surrey, eating polite cakes and drinking afternoon tea from delicate cups. We were bang in the centre of the elite of the British Army—the Staff College.

Shop, mainly...

AND without being derogatory you could call Anthony Deane-Drummond the typical Army type: the fair hair almost attaining to ginger, the abrupt toothbrush moustache, the challenging eyes, the superb good health glowing beneath the flawless complexion, and the conversation decorated with the occasional "chaps you know" or "decent show."

You have met them a hundred times. Dull chaps, you might have said. Not much to talk about. Shop mainly.

But Deane-Drummond, 30-year-old lieutenant-colonel instructor at the Staff College, has told a tale of an experience which

would be disbelieved if it were written down as fiction.

To avoid capture by the Germans he concealed himself in the wall cupboard of a Dutch suburban house near Arnhem for 13 consecutive days, standing up all the time, suffering terrible hunger, savage thirst, enormous tiredness, and beast by the distress of cramp.

Can you imagine the simple physical problem of standing waiting for a bus, shall we say, or queuing at a sale, for 13 days? Why, it's the length of a summer holiday at the seaside!

Yet this was only a fraction of the man's ordeal. Through-out those tortuous days he was locked in this cupboard 7ft. high, 4ft. wide, and 12 inches deep. Twelve inches—the length of the ruler a child uses at school.

Always Germans

IN addition, the Germans were always in the room on the other side of the cupboard door, eating, drinking, talking, and interrogating British prisoners-of-war.

He had expected his life in the cupboard to last for three days. His rations were a pound of bread and a tin of condensed milk.

to stop the wretch giving information.

The anguish of Deane-Drummond ended on the evening of the 13th day when, with the Germans out of the room, he opened his door, slipped quietly through the window and began a completely new adventure, creeping across the Rhine to his own lines.

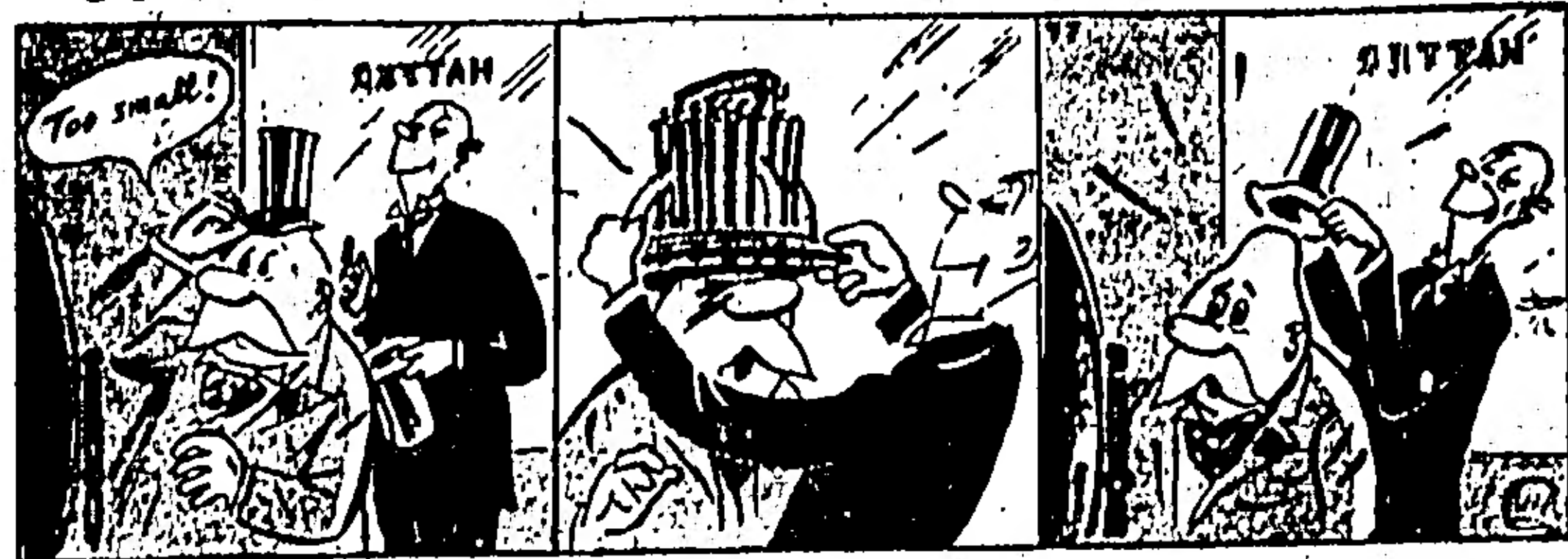
What qualities exist in a man to lead up to such endeavour?

"Two things," he said. "I'd been taken by the Italians earlier in the war and escaped. I was jolly certain I wasn't going to be taken for a mug again. When I got back home I had had to lecture the chaps on a mob about escape and so on. I'd have looked pretty silly if, after telling them all about it, I'd been picked up again. I'd always told the chaps to get away at the first opportunity."

He just did it

THE cupboard was the first opportunity, I took it. Perhaps a novelist's skill at construction could have devised a whole novel to Deane-Drummond's 13 days in a cupboard. Doubtless! A literary giant, writing in the comfort of a warm study, could have supplied psychological background. But not Deane-Drummond. He just did it.

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter

• BY THE WAY •
by Beachcomber

IN all the arguments for and against convertibility, nobody has pointed out that without a stabilization credit there will be no guarantee that sterling will not lose its usefulness in countries with fluctuating currencies. One expert has said that "inconvertibility is a partial remedy for a partial cure." The case of a non-convertible pound being made to a country suffering from a partial cure is a bit like a patient suffering from a partial cure.

Swearing the voters

A man who is sworn to secrecy is a man who is sworn to secrecy. A man who is sworn to secrecy is a man who is sworn to secrecy. A man who is sworn to secrecy is a man who is sworn to secrecy.

Vital statistics

THE latest issue of Trade Climates from the Bureau of Economic Analysis reveals that there are 14 macaroni sprayers in the world.



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

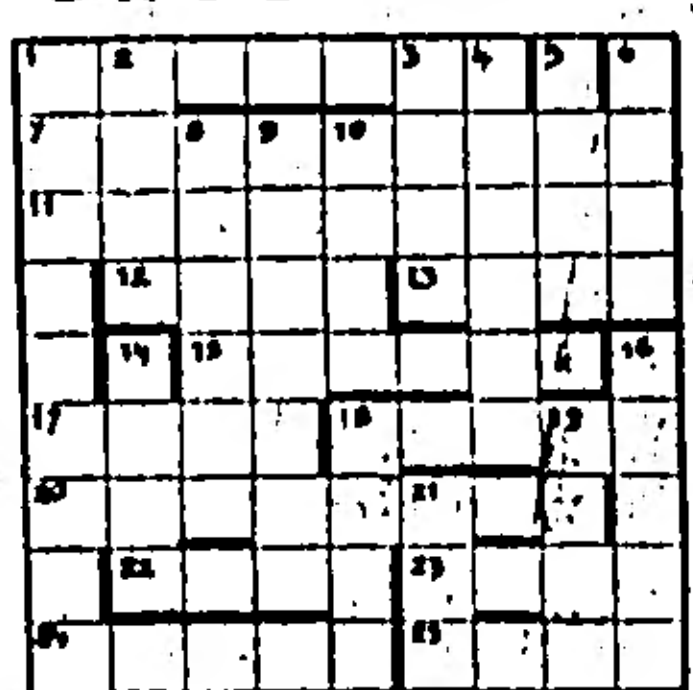
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

BORN today, your life is likely to be a rather uneventful one. For the stars have given you exceptional talents and the exact way in which you utilize them will determine the degree of success or failure in life. You are definitely an intellectual, even you of the fair sex—and the world of ideas interests you most deeply. You have strong opinions and you will hold to them despite all kinds of opposition. Actually, it seems as if opposition merely whets your appetite for battle. Your psychic powers are keen—this is the cycle for those who seem to have gifts beyond the average in this respect. You are very sensitive to all that goes on around you and sometimes you can suffer as much for other people as for yourself. Learn to cultivate a happy optimism which, when coupled with a strong determination, will be a better

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Your ability to work hard when it's vitally needed will react to your very definite advantage at this time.

CROSSWORD

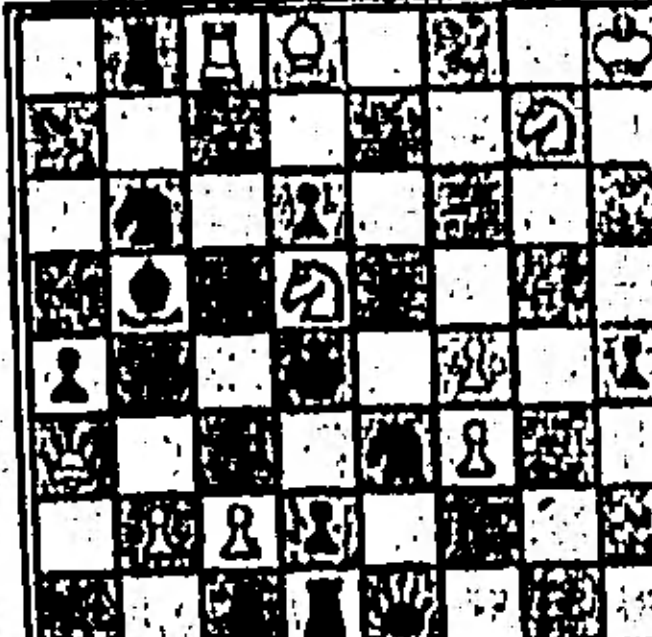


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 - Dead to the world (13)
 - W.A.O. for no man (14)
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 - Looks the same both ways (16)
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 - What in Paris (17)
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 - Person's portrait (17)
 - Found in 1 Across (17)
 - The bird has a coin (17)
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CHESS PROBLEM

By P. OVERKAMP

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Qxg7, 2. Qxg7, 3. Qxg7, 4. Qxg7, 5. Qxg7, 6. Qxg7, 7. Qxg7, 8. Qxg7, 9. Qxg7, 10. Qxg7, 11. Qxg7, 12. Qxg7, 13. Qxg7, 14. Qxg7, 15. Qxg7, 16. Qxg7, 17. Qxg7, 18. Qxg7, 19. Qxg7, 20. Qxg7, 21. Qxg7, 22. Qxg7, 23. Qxg7, 24. Qxg7, 25. Qxg7, 26. Qxg7, 27. Qxg7, 28. Qxg7, 29. Qxg7, 30. Qxg7, 31. Qxg7, 32. Qxg7, 33. Qxg7, 34. Qxg7, 35. Qxg7, 36. Qxg7, 37. Qxg7, 38. Qxg7, 39. Qxg7, 40. Qxg7, 41. Qxg7, 42. Qxg7, 43. Qxg7, 44. Qxg7, 45. Qxg7, 46. Qxg7, 47. Qxg7, 48. Qxg7, 49. Qxg7, 50. Qxg7, 51. Qxg7, 52. Qxg7, 53. Qxg7, 54. Qxg7, 55. Qxg7, 56. Qxg7, 57. Qxg7, 58. Qxg7, 59. Qxg7, 60. Qxg7, 61. Qxg7, 62. Qxg7, 63. Qxg7, 64. Qxg7, 65. Qxg7, 66. Qxg7, 67. Qxg7, 68. Qxg7, 69. Qxg7, 70. Qxg7, 71. Qxg7, 72. Qxg7, 73. Qxg7, 74. Qxg7, 75. Qxg7, 76. Qxg7, 77. Qxg7, 78. Qxg7, 79. Qxg7, 80. Qxg7, 81. Qxg7, 82. Qxg7, 83. Qxg7, 84. Qxg7, 85. Qxg7, 86. Qxg7, 87. Qxg7, 88. Qxg7, 89. Qxg7, 90. Qxg7, 91. Qxg7, 92. Qxg7, 93. Qxg7, 94. Qxg7, 95. Qxg7, 96. Qxg7, 97. Qxg7, 98. 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To Discuss Asian Labour Conditions

Colombo, Sept. 30. A two-day conference of the International Labour Organisation's Asian Advisory Committee, beginning on Friday at Nuwara Eliya, Ceylon, will discuss the importance of small-scale industries for combating under-employment in Asia. Seasonal fluctuations in agricultural and Allied employment will be considered as well as the living and working conditions of tenants, share croppers and other agricultural workers, and fair wages in the building industry in Asia. Britain will be represented at the conference. Other countries sending representatives are India, Pakistan, Burma, Australia, Nationalist China, France, Indonesia, the Philippines and Ceylon. Mr. Raghunath Rao, Assistant Director-General of the I.L.O., is arriving today from Tokyo to attend the conference.—Reuter.

New Baden Premier

Paris, Sept. 30. The West German news agency announced today that Dr. Gerhard Mueller has been appointed Premier of the Baden-Wuerttemberg Government.—France-Press.

Kashmiris Electing Leader

Srinagar, Sept. 30. Kashmir's new Prime Minister, Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad, is expected to be elected leader of the Kashmir National Congress Party at a meeting set for October 1. The Party meeting has been called to elect a new leader in place of the former Prime Minister, Sheikh Abdullah, now in prison. Of the Party's 75 members, nine are in detention and 47 a fortnight ago expressed confidence in Bakshi's leadership. It is the only party in the Kashmir Legislature. Meetings of the Party Executive and General Council have been called for October 3 and 4, respectively. Yesterday, the Prime Minister reiterated that "no power can drag Kashmir into Goldstein". He told the first of a series of special Rural National Conference Conventions in Kangan, northeast of Srinagar, "If that happens it would be over the dead bodies of freedom-loving Kashmiris". He added: "Kashmir has thrown its lot with India, and since we have prospered, there is no going back."—China Mail Special.

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GUIGNARD—Mrs. Rose Louise Guignard, beloved wife of G. J. Guignard and dearly loved Mother of Yvonne, Irene and Charles. Elder sister of Miss Mary G. Clark. Passed peacefully at the Matilda Hospital on September 29, 1953, after a long illness. Funeral service on October 1st, at 3.30 p.m. Catholic Cemetery Chapel, Happy Valley, followed by interment at the Colonial Cemetery.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF FREDERICK HOWARD KEW late of 80C Waterloo Road, second floor Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong, Dental Surgeon, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 20 (1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance Chapter 10, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the 25th day of October, 1953.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated this 30th day of September, 1953.

DEACONS Solicitors & Notaries Hong Kong.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per LLOYD THREISTON m.v. "VICTORIA"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 1st October, 1953.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 29th September, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.v. "CHANGSHA" arrd. 29th September 1953.

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Friday 2nd October, and Saturday 3rd October, 1953, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during survey.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Indian Congress Party Clash With The Communists

Manchester, Sept. 30. The Manchester Guardian today drew attention to what it called an interesting event in the contest between the Congress and the Communists in India. "The Communists have brought about the defeat of the Congress Government in the legislature of Travancore-Cochin," this Liberal newspaper said.

"In this State the Communists gained their chief success in the All-India general elections a year and a half ago. A Congress Cabinet has carried on precariously since then but the Communists have now persuaded the Socialists to join them in an adverse vote.

"The coming election campaign will cause much interest throughout India and Mr. Nehru is apparently to take part. "At present the south is the main battleground between Congress and the Communists. "At the same time that this election is to happen the new Andhra State is being inaugurated.

"Both Travancore and Andhra are seaboard States and this may increase their interest to the Communists. "The Central Government agreed reluctantly to the separation of Andhra from the rest of Madras. This is taking it away from the mastery control of Mr. Rajagopalachari.

"But the Indian Government has taken the precautionary step of appointing as Governor of the new State one of its ablest officers, Mr. Trivedi, who was formerly Secretary of the Defence Department and was a successful Governor of the East Punjab.

This is one of the difficult States. Delhi is not going to let politics in Andhra develop entirely by their own momentum, the Manchester Guardian claimed.—China Mail Special.

Lord Cherwell's Mission

Canberra, Sept. 30. Lord Cherwell, personal scientific adviser to Sir Winston Churchill, is likely to propose further special contracts with Australia for the supply of uranium, according to authoritative sources.

It was learned that Lord Cherwell will not attend the Woomera atomic experiments because he is concentrating on uranium supplies. He came to Australia on the personal invitation of the Premier Mr. Robert Menzies.—France-Press.

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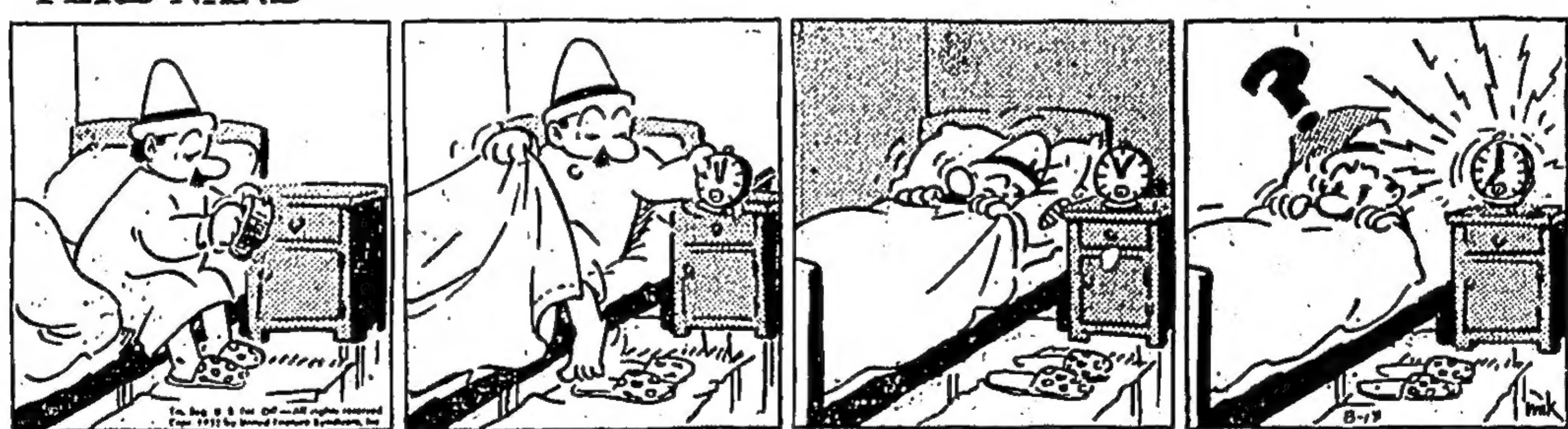
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HUNGARIAN PREMIER'S APPEAL

Collective Farms' Future

Vienna, Sept. 30.

The Hungarian Premier, Imre Nagy, in a broadcast appeal over Radio Budapest heard here today, asked members of the Hungarian collective farms not to withdraw from the farms.

Collective farmers were recently offered the alternative of staying in the farms or getting out, taking a certain percentage of land with them.

The farmers have to make their decisions known by tomorrow. In his appeal, Nagy asked the farmers to have confidence in the party and the Government, which, he promised, would be more attentive to the farmers' interests.

He stressed the serious consequences of a mass departure from the collective farms.

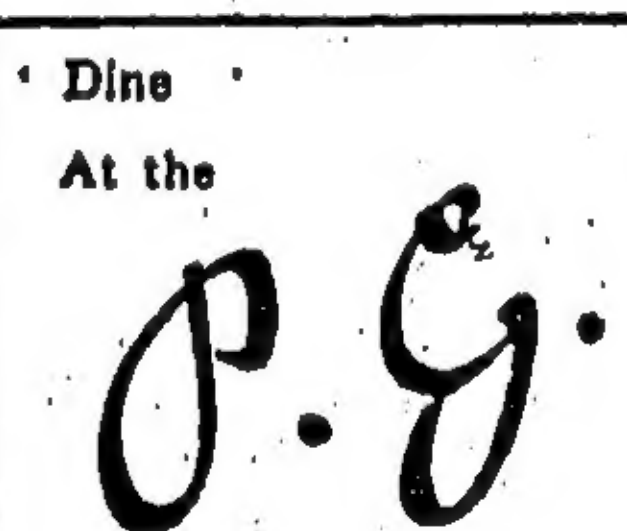
The Premier hinted at an "organised resistance" to collectivisation among the peasants and warned of "enemies who by threats or terrorism are trying to get the peasants to leave the collective farms."

Nagy asked the farmers to work "happily" otherwise "the Government would not be in a position to fulfil its promise to raise the standard of living."

Chinese Contribute

London, Sept. 30.

Chinese have contributed towards the £2,100 sent by Malaya for the Westminster Abbey Coronation Fund for building repairs.—China Mail Special.



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The Past Revisited

SHE had, as the saying is, "known better days," and the remembrance of them was sweet-sour solace sometimes now, when things were not so good with her.

Her name was Norah. A tall, slim woman, faded but still not without distinction in her looks. These, at least, were not as they had once been, aided by beauty-parlour artifice. The Norah you saw was the genuine article.

In her time, Norah had travelled the world. She knew the Grand Hotels of Europe in the days before they became pull-ups for coach-loads of trippers. She experienced the fawning of imperious hall-porters, the voluble flattery of reception clerks, dragomans, maîtres d'hôtel.

NORAH WALKS IN

NOW, it was different. The clippie on the bus called her "dearie," and her landlady, with a friendly, formal silence, accepted weekly the rent for her bed-sitting room, as if surprised that Norah could pay.

One day, walking in the West End, Norah, on an impulse, decided she must sample once again something of what the old life had been. A luxury hotel reared its proud bulk conveniently near.

Norah passed through the swing-doors, acknowledging the commissionaire's salute, revealing in the feel of the thick-pile carpets which greeted her thin-soled shoes in the lobby.

NORAH STAYS PUT

SOMEONE came up to be of service. "Madame would like...?" he began. Norah brushed him aside. Another servant took the place of the first. "Perhaps madam wishes...?"

The services of restaurant, bar, the reception desk one by one were laid before her. With the few shillings in her bag she could make use of none of them.

The tones of those who came up to her significantly changed. The manager in person came at last. "I must ask you, madam," he said, "to leave the hotel."

Norah turned on him. Her fury was as great as if a liner steward in the old days had called her old self "ducks." "How dare you," she flamed. "Am I not entitled to have a room?"

NORAH EJECTED

BUT in the manager's eyes she was not and had not. If luxury hotels were to throw open even the ante-rooms of their delights to those who could not pay, there would be little future for them.

Gently, diplomatically, discreetly, but very firmly, Norah was shown the door.

From the pavement she tried to fight her way back. The police were called, but still Norah would not take the hint and go back to her bed-sitting room.

She had to be arrested, and next morning, at Bow Street, she pleaded not guilty to using insulting behaviour. Likely to cause a breach of the peace.

NORAH REBUKED

SHE were a bandana and a good but well-worn overcoat; although the day was not cold. She said to Sir Laurence Dunne, the Chief Magistrate: "I'm a travelled woman, I've been twice round the world. These people in the hotel pestered me. It's not very nice, you know."

"Is she known?" Sir Laurence asked; when he had found the case proved.

"For drunkenness," Sir Laurence answered the gaoler.

"I don't drink," Norah snapped out of turn. "You bothered very badly," said Sir Laurence. "Pay 10s. please."

And Norah went off sadly to pay a sum she might at one time have given to a page-boy for a tip but which now represented a formidable proportion of her income for a week.



Thirty-two students who passed the Spring and Summer examinations of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. Even a group photo was taken after the ceremony, and among those in the front row are the Hon. C. Blaker, Mr. H. Owen-Hughes and Mr. J. B. Kite. —Staff photographer.

Woomera Test Secret Out

(FROM CHAPMAN PINCHER)

Melbourne, Sept. 30. The secret of the two American Superfortresses participating in the Woomera atom bomb test was revealed today.

They belong to the worldwide patrol of United States high-altitude weather planes equipped with special instruments for detecting Russian atom explosions.

The instruments pick up any unusual radioactivity in the upper air and collect samples of minute bomb fragments which reveal the nature of the atomic explosive used.

Tracking the Woomera atomic cloud as it disperses high over the Pacific, these planes will be able to test the latest instruments.

The Americans were not invited to help in the test—the United States Government asked permission to take part. Permission was granted because the planes will not be near when the bomb is detonated and the Americans will be told nothing about its mechanism.

This United States participation does not necessarily fore-shadow closer Anglo-American co-operation on atom work. The two countries are already collaborating on an "air intelligence" system probing Russian atom secrets—London Express Service.

Too Many Difficulties

Djakarta, Sept. 30. There were too many difficulties in the way of Hongkong capital investing in Indonesia, Woo Sze-ching, leader of the Colony's Chinese trade mission said today.

"Hongkong business circles have long considered the question of investing in Indonesia. The desire to invest is great but there are still many difficulties to be surmounted before this can be realised," Woo said.

If Indonesia continues her bar against Hongkong-made goods, many of the factories in the Colony will have to close. He said previously Indonesia had always been an important market for Hongkong goods.

With the restriction of imports to Indonesia, production of manufactured goods in Hongkong dropped 40 per cent, Woo said.

He suggested barter trade between the two countries will do a lot of good for both.

The mission is in Djakarta participating in the International Trade Fair—United Press.

Alleged Murder: Today's Evidence

Committal proceedings against Ho Chung-foon, of 19, Tsin Tsin Shui Ma Tau Village, charged with murder, continued this morning before Mr. T. Morris in Central Court.

He is charged with having, on the evening of July 10, at the hillside near Island Road opposite the Salesian School, murdered Wu Kai-lan, a woman fellow-worker in the Fung Keung Rubber Factory, where he was employed.

Detective Inspector Bodie is prosecuting, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Chalmers.

Inspector Chalmers was the main witness this morning.

He described how at 3.30 in the morning of July 11 he had received a report from Sub-Inspector Au Chi-yip, then IOD at Shaukiwan, acting on which he had gone to that Police Station.

He had seen defendant in the charge room, his face and clothing covered in blood. After giving first aid to his injuries, he questioned him, then went with him to a place near Island Road with a party of detectives. The defendant led them to a place on the hillside where the body was, and pointed out the body. The body, that of a Chinese woman, was badly decomposed, and had a large boulder on its chest, a smaller one at its side and another between its legs.

He had then, Inspector Chalmers said, left the body as it was for examination and taken the defendant back to the Police Station, where, after cautioning him, he had taken a statement from him.

ALLEGED STATEMENT

The alleged statement, read in Court was: "On the night of the 10th I asked her to go up the Street, we quarrelled and then fought, and as a result I struck her to death with a stone."

Chalmers, after taking defendant's blood-stained clothes away from him, and putting him in cell, returned to the scene of the alleged murder, to make further investigations.

Later that morning defendant took him to the Tai Shing Goldsmith's shop in Main Street East, where he (witness) found that defendant had sold to the shop a gold necklace had been bought at the Tien Shing Goldsmith's shop, where he went with defendant. There he found that the necklace had been sold to the dead woman.

That afternoon at about 4, in the presence of the Divisional Inspector Shaukiwan and the Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Hongkong, he charged the defendant with murder.

The defendant then made a statement, which was taken down.

The proceedings are continuing.

TWO SENTENCED TO DEATH

Cairo, Sept. 30. A Supreme Military Tribunal today sentenced to death two of the four young Egyptians who last month staged a bold bid to overthrow the Government.

Verdicts on the other two will be given on October 4—Reuters.

Little Hope Of Cash Reparations

Manila, Sept. 30. The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, said here today that there was "little hope" Japan would meet the cash reparations demands of the Philippines.

But Japan would not evade her treaty obligations, Mr. Okazaki told a press conference.

The Foreign Minister's visit was marked by many unofficial reports in Manila and Tokyo that he offered, or would offer, \$300 million cash reparations and would propose payment with machinery and finished products.

Mr. Okazaki, however, dismissed all the rumours, saying he had no knowledge of them.

He discussed Japan's need of expanding trade to raise living standards and the desire to assume a greater share in the defence of the homeland by urging the withdrawal of American troops from Japan.

Loss in dollar earnings and defence costs will not affect the reparations question, Mr. Okazaki said—Reuters.

Unlawfully Boarded Ship

For unlawfully boarding the ship, Pakhoi moored at Buoy B3 yesterday, Ma Teun-fai, 32, and Lam Kok-kwan, 34, both of whom had one previous conviction, were fined \$100 or one month's hard labour each by Mr. A.G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

Two other defendants, Chan Yat-mun, 31, and Ng Chan-wing, 24, were fined \$20 or one week's hard labour each for the similar offence.

Defendants were sweeping the deck on the floor in No. 2 cargo hold in the ship when they were arrested, said the Police.

In mitigation, Chan said he and Lam were coolies and were asked by the chief cook of the ship to carry foodstuffs to the ship for him. They tried to find him to identify them when they were arrested but they were not allowed to.

Magistrate "Not In Dark" Over King Case Prosecution

"Rightly or wrongly I won't say I am in the dark. You may be in the dark, but I won't admit I am in the dark," remarked Magistrate Poon Yan-hoi, in answer to an observation by Mr. Marcus da Silva when hearing of the King Case resumed in the Chief Justice's Court in the Supreme Court building this morning.

Mr. Silva who is defending James Joseph Osborne King, merchant, charged with alleged fraudulent conversion, complained about the Prosecution's failure to supply the Defence with copies of documents produced. He said he appreciated the policy of the Prosecution in this case to keep the Defence as much in the dark as possible. Couldn't the Defence have copies of the documents being produced, he asked. The Prosecution had had plenty of time to do that, he said. Counsel added that he felt sure that Mr. Poon and he (Counsel) were still in the dark as to what was the case for the Prosecution.

Mr. Silva's observation was made as Mr. M.W.H. Seymour, a Director of George Falconer and Co., Ltd., Union Building, was producing in re-examination additional documents on behalf of the Prosecution.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr. A. J. Clifford are both for the Prosecution, instructed by Hastings and Company.

Resuming the re-examination of Mr. Seymour, Mr. Clifford asked whether the witness had obtained the permission of W.S. Cheang (a former employee of Falconer's) to produce a certified statement of account of the Marine Supplies with the Banque Belge.

Mr. Poon remarked that that did not appear to have anything to do with Falconer's.

Mr. Clifford submitted that it had. He said that the Defence had alleged malicious prosecution. They had alleged that the Prosecution did not allow King to have his share, that the Prosecution had bought it and were trying to cut him out.

Counsel said that due to King's connection with Marine Supplies it was impossible to allow him to be a shareholder and before he left defendant had started a competitive business "in a ghost name."

MUD THROWN

Mr. Clifford added that mud had been thrown and it was alleged that the Prosecution was acting improperly for "horrible motives." He wanted to show that it was only fair for him to show that no company director could possibly act otherwise than to refuse King as a 49 per cent shareholder.

The question being allowed, the witness answered in the affirmative and produced a document.

Witness said that W. S. Cheang was a salesman at \$800 working under King, W. S. Cheang, and Cheang's son, Cheung Min.

Reading from the statement of account, witness said that during June and July, 1951, King had endorsed three cheques and drawn a total of \$22,777. Cheung had endorsed three cash cheques and withdrawn \$10,016.85 between February and July, 1951.

NEW DOCUMENTS

Witness said that he had already produced three documents allegedly showing King's connection with Marine Supplies. He now produced two more documents—one a letter from Kelvin and Hughes and the other from Thomas Mercer, both addressed to Falconer's. These two letters, he added, showed King's connection with Marine Supplies.

It was at this juncture that Mr. Silva complained about Prosecution's failure to supply the Defence with copies of documents produced.

Witness said he remembered there was a contract between Falconer's and Far East. Enterprisers dated August 4, 1950, in which Falconer's was to get 6 per cent for the supply of nautical instruments. The contract which was signed by King was not strictly adhered to in that the commission to Falconer's was reduced from 6 to 5 per cent by King without the permission of the Board of Directors, he alleged.

Producing copy of a letter written by King on behalf of Falconer's to Far East Enterprises, witness said that it was stated therein that King was willing to reduce the commission in order to obtain future business for Falconer's.

Mr. Clifford: Who did in fact get that future business?

Witness: Not Falconer's but Marine Supplies.

Hearings is continuing.

Given 6 Months For Injuring Woman

Found guilty on a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm on a 28-year-old woman, whom he claimed to be his wife, Lam Lin, 44, of 209, Saint Tak Village, Hung Hom, was sentenced to six months by Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr, at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Chan Wai-hing, the complainant, testified that she knew her husband for over ten years and had lived with him but was never married to him. Recently she got a job and left the accused.

On August 16, the accused went to her house at No. 84, Man San Village, Shaukiwan, and invited her to leave the house. He then asked complainant to live with him again, and she refused.

Witness said accused then struck her on both sides of her body with his fists. Just then a man appeared and intercepted the struggle and witness ran away. She felt dizzy and her legs were trembling. She then jumped into a nullah and climbed out later. A few hours later, she reported to the Police and was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

SPLEEN REMOVED

Dr. Kong Hol-Kit, of Queen Mary Hospital, said that the complainant was admitted to the hospital on the evening of August 16. She was suffering from shock and an operation from shock and an operation was carried out. The spleen was found ruptured and was later removed. She made smooth recovery and was discharged from the Hospital on August 31.

Det. Police constable Fo Ah-sang testified that he arrested the accused at his house in Hung Hom on August 16.

Tam Wai-hing, Police Interpreter, said that in a statement in answer to the charge, the accused had said that he had assaulted the woman in a moment of fit.

Making a statement from the Dock, the accused said that the complainant was married to him in the country and had left him without his knowledge. On August 16, when he went to complainant's house he found her talking with a man. On seeing him, complainant rushed at him and embraced him so that the other man could leave the house. They then struggled, and accused did not know how she was injured.

In mitigation, accused said his first wife died long ago and he married complainant in the country. After the Japanese occupation, she gave birth to a girl who was given away. He added he worked as a junk repairer.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO TURKEY

Istanbul, Sept. 30. The French Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Laniel, and the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, arrived here by air this evening and left for Ankara by train.

They are on an official visit to Turkey at the invitation of the Turkish Government. The situation in the Balkans and in the Middle East will be among the main topics they will discuss—Reuters.

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